

## THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

### Opening Prayer

O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you...

### First Reading (Is 7:10-16)

READER: A reading taken from the spiritual heritage of humanity.  
ALL: ***From all time, Heaven has prepared the coming of the Kingdom.***  
READER: Today, a passage from the Book of the prophet Isaiah. It is written:

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: "Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky!" But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!"

Then Isaiah said: "Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us! Curds and honey he will eat so that he may learn to reject evil and choose good; for before the child learns to reject evil and choose good, the land of those two kings whom you dread shall be deserted."

READER: This was a passage from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.  
ALL: ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm R./ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

### Second Reading (Lk 1:26-38)

ACCLAMATION: ***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*** The Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us; and we saw his glory. ***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
ALL: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***  
*Luke's account of the Annunciation.*  
READER: The Gospel of the Lord.  
ALL: ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### Third Reading (Le Royaume, no. 65, p. 15)

ACCLAMATION: ***From the Lord to the Lady, one single Love, one single Mystery: one single Kingdom to lead all His Creation to God.***

MOTHER: A proclamation of the Works of the Lady.

ALL: ***The Lady's word is a word of truth.***

MOTHER: In *Le Royaume* of November-December 1988, Marie-Paule wrote:

Attentive to the word of God, Mary, who had heard the call to virginity, consented, at the request of the angel, to a "virginal" conception which would make her the Mother of the Son of God: "*Fiat! Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done unto me according to your word.*"

Mary suffered throughout her life, but above all, she loved, transfiguring her physical maternity into a spiritual maternity when Jesus, on the cross, said to her, "*Woman, behold your son.*" And to John, "*Behold your Mother.*" [Jn 19:26]

A spiritual maternity which extends to the people of God, to the Church founded by her Son....

A spiritual maternity which would also radiate over the centuries, so that one day, Mary would be named "*Mother of God*" and "*Mother of the Church*", titles of glory, eminently merited, for she gave all, sacrificed all, for souls.

I love you, O Mary, "*full of grace*", you who have given us Jesus, the priest par excellence. You have introduced us into the Mystery of Love which was the plan of salvation foreseen by the Father for the purpose of giving back to us the lost happiness.

May your holy name be known and loved!

MOTHER: Thus said the Lady. ALL: ***May she be blessed forever.***

**Prayer over the Offerings** – Be pleased, almighty God, to accept your Church's offering, so that she, who is aware that her beginnings lie in the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son, may rejoice to celebrate his mysteries on this solemnity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon** – Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel, "God with us."

**Prayer after Communion** – Confirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith, we pray, O Lord, so that, confessing that he who was conceived of the Virgin Mary is true God and true man, we may, through the saving power of his Resurrection, merit to attain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.